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PASS TO WILLIAM HENDRICKS, NTSB, CENTRAL INVESTIGATION
DIVISION, AVIATION ACCIDENT BRANCH (AI-11)

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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL INQUIRY, CUBANA CRASH

REF BRIDGETOWN 2304 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY : EVENTS AT JUDICIAL INQUIRY ON NOVEMBER 25,
THANKSGIVING DAY. SIX MORE WITNESSES QUESTIONED. NO
ACTIONED REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. BARBADOS GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY CONTINUED QUESTIONING
PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUSPECTS LUGO

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AND RICARDO LOSANO ON OCTOBER 6. FIRST WITNESS WAS

ERNEST LIVINGSTONE GREAVES, DIRECTOR OF NORTHEASTERN CARIBBEAN FOR BWIA. HIS TESTIMONY WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT.

SECOND WAS DON LICORISH, FRONT DESK CLERK AT HOLIDAY INN, WHO BASICALLY REPEATED TESTIMONY GIVEN EARLIER AT INQUIRY BY OTHER HOLIDAY INN EMPLOYEES. HE ALSO NOTED SUSPECTS HAD A "WAD" OF U.S. MONEY.

2. THIRD WITNESS WAS TAXI DRIVER WHO TOOK SUSPECTS DIRECT FROM BARBADOS BEACH HOTEL AT ABOUT 1915 TO AIRPORT, LEAVING THEM THERE AT 2000. SUSPECTS HAD NO LUGGAGE. HE WAS QUESTIONED AT LENGTH BY LAWYER FOR CUBANS ABOUT SUSPECTS' DIRECTIVES TO DRIVER, AND THEIR CONVERSATION WITH EACH OTHER (DRIVER UNDERSTOOD SPANISH), BUT LITTLE SIGNIFICANT WAS RELATED.

3. FOURTH WITNESS WAS AGNES BEST, RECEPTIONIST AT BARBADOS BEACH HOTEL. SHE REGISTERED TWO PERSONS NAMED LUGO AND "HERMAN" AROUND 1730 OCTOBER 6, WHO SAID THEY WOULD STAY 4 DAYS. THEY MADE 4 CALLS TO CARACAS. BEST RECOGNIZED THE TWO, AND A CHECK OF RECORDS SHOWED THEY STAYED THERE JULY 9-11 THIS YEAR. (BWIA OFFICE BOMBING TOOK PLACE EVENING OF JULY 10.) NEITHER IN JULY NOR THIS TIME DID SHE SEE THE TWO WITH OTHERS.

4. FIFTH WITNESS WAS JOAN PARIS, ALSO EMPLOYEE AT BARBADOS BEACH HOTEL. SHE REINFORCED MOST OF BEST'S TESTIMONY. SIXTH WITNESS WAS SECURITY GUARD AT THE HOTEL, CLEVELAND BREWSTER WHOSE TESTIMONY SUPPORTED THE PRIOR TWO WITNESSES. BRITTON

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